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"I'se glad to do somethin' fo' ma people"

SHE CLEARED SLUM, BUILT A

SPIRITUAL IN STONE

By C. N. Doran

TALK about Romance! Here is a Black and White story. They have built in a Philadelphian slum area a modern, privately financed building containing apartments for forty-three negro families.

It is named the Frances Plaza Apartments, after a ten-year-old negro girl.

Now listen to the Romance. The parents of Frances were Pearl and Benjamin Mason. There were four other children besides Frances. The family had lived on relief for about five years.

Mrs. Mason managed to squeeze about ten shillings out of the family budget, and bought a ticket in the 1939 Grand National Steeplechase. It was Frances who picked the ticket from the salesman's book. She signed it "Must Win." And "Must Win." drew a horse named Workman, which won the Grand National by three lengths.

NEXT day Mrs. Mason called on a negro lawyer, Ray- ing through my ceiling all my mond Alexander. "Brother," life." she said, "God has given me a concern for my people. Now, cadgers and swindlers came to you just take that sweepstake see the Masons in such a crowd money and build some homes. that they had to go and hide themselves.

PRODUCTION of "Hollywood then the Masons came out of their hiding and startled not only Philadelphia but all stars on parade, will be resumed by Warner Bos. Shootserved a monument.

The Federal Treasury put in a claim on the money for 55,000 dollars. The claim was paid, and the balance went into a new bank account, which the Masons had never had before. But they drew a cheque from the new bank account and marched, Pa and Ma and marched, Pa and Ma and Frances, to the Department of Public Assistance. They handed the cheque across the counter, and Mrs. Pearl Mason spoke up.

"We hab come," she said.

A local body tried to stop the arection of the apartments because of some "amenties." They didn't stop the work, but they delayed it. Claims from unexpected quarters poured in. They were met or opposed. All this time the money was when all expenses were met Wrs. Mason had only 70,000 to the job.

Applications were made to building companies for leave.

The officials recovered and mopped their brows. They said it would take a long time to work out the exact amount. But Mrs. Mason was ready for that. She produced a list giving the amounts of relief for the entire period.

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After some time the officials worked it all out and found she was correct. They accepted the cheque with a kind of bewildered thanks. The story flew ment Department. The Department started to investigate to make sure. That also took time.

But Mrs. Pearl Mason, negress and Christian, had only begun. She called on a pawn-broker who had taken her pots and pans as security for loans, and gave him a 300-dollar cheque. The pawnbroker near-ly died of excitement, for he had written his loans off as

Mrs. Pearl Mason then went to butchers, bakers, plays and other tradesmen, and did Ther the same thing. They all (nearly) collapsed in agitation. Such honesty had never been heard of in U.S.A.

Finally, Mrs. Mason (along flats. with Benjamin always, of

course) called on a negro architect and asked if he could build a block of apartments for "her people." She said the kind of flats she wanted — modern, weatherproof, good—and cheap rents.

rents.

Now, a negro architect had never done this sort of thing before. Mrs. Mason had struck a snag. But she went to her lawyer again, and he put her in touch with a white architect. The main point was to get a site. There weren't many sites in Philadelphia.

But they bought up an apartment site, and paid through the nose for it. Then the building began. It was to be done by negro labour.

But at the end of three months the labour hadn't got beyond the foundations. There were other troubles. White labour was brought in. And then more trouble. It seemed as if Mrs. Mason had walked into a forest of trouble because she wanted to do kind acts.

up.

"We hab come," she said,
"to pay our relief bill, and heah is de cheque."

The cheque was for 2,000-odd

Applications were made to building companies for loans, offering security. The white companies declined to loan.

But one of the local authorities

They that approve a private opinion, call it opinion; but they that mislike it, heresy; and yet heresy signifies no more than private opinion.

Thomas Hobbes
(1588-1679).

Ultimately the block of flats was erected. They were nice flats. Their rents had to be higher than Mrs. Mason wanted, but that was because of the borrowing required. There was a great ceremony at the opening.

There is a basement for a playground for the children. There is a grass courtyard for a playground, and a fountain. Thousands of people wanted to get into the flats as tenants, but there were only forty-three flats

flats.

Even white people wanted to get in; but that was not the object of the apartments.

Mrs. Pearl Mason and Benjamin were present at the opening. There were eloquent speeches by prominent people. But the best speech of all, maybe, was that of Mrs. Mason, who stood up and said simply:

"I'se glad them anartments."

"I'se glad them apartments are built. I wanted to do something fo' ma people.'''

The crowd—Her People, and the whites, too—cheered.

Your letters are welcome! Write to "Good Morning" c/o Press Division, Admiralty,

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Dick Gordon's Stage, Screen Studio

YOU'VE heard and seen a lot of the Grable girl. Ever heard how she got where she is?

Here's how: Born in St.
Louis, Missouri, to comparatively rich parents, and educated at the Mary Institute in St. Louis, Betty Grable (her real name—not a stage name) began her career as an entertainer at the age of seven, when she appeared on the local radio station with visiting celebrities.

Betty. who was recently



So she went on a personalappearance tour — which
proved to be quite a sensation.
Offers from Hollywood studios
arrived with every post. 20th
Century-Fox's was the best,
and this offer included a definite promise of stardom. Betty
Grable signed her name on the
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Before going to Hollywood, however, she got permission to star in "Du Barry was a Lady" on the New York stage. The show was a smash-hit, and though its stars were on top of holiday from school, and Jack



PRODUCTION of "Hollywood Canteen," with all the stars on parade, will be resumed by Warner Bros. Shooting was suspended a few months ago when trouble arose with the Screen Actors' Guild over payment of artistes for brief appearances, but these difficulties have now been ironed out. Producer Jesse L. Lasky has called his crew together; Bette Davis, John Garfield, Ann Sheridan and the principals are reporting on the set as their other assignments make them available; and Hollywood is ready for another united effort for war relief, all profits from the picture going to Service Funds.

For John Garfield, who was cated at the Mary Institute in St. Louis, Betty Grable (her real name—not a start the age of seven, when she appeared in the came the toast of the town willing celebrities.

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Call from Durr

Your baby brother Stanley, Torpedoman George John Davis, looked as though he had just come out of a coal mine when I called at your home, 6 Hurlingham Road, Kingstanding, Birmingham. Playing with his engine, he was shouting for "George." Then he ran down the garden and got his pet rabbit to show me. He is full of confidence, and to he was your pal, wishes

He is full of confidence, and to carried his rabbit about, feed-haing it. He now weighs 2½ th stone.

Jimmy Davis, your pal, wishes to be remembered to you. He has just got his "wings" in the R.A.F. in Canada.

Everyone at home is keeping fit, but your mother says the kids are a handful when they are on holiday from school.

She had heard nothing

She had heard nothing about getting a pension, and said she is most grateful to you for the way you look after her!



CLUES ACROSS

10 Fodder. 13 Mixed dish. 15 Mother-of-

16 Boy's name.

27 Zealot.
30 Skin.
31 Mud.
34 Sort of iris.
35 Feature.
37 Hound.
39 Climber's stem.
40 Timidity.

PADRE TELLS TA

his preparations, he stood The doctor expected to mount up in the middle of the car, took the with extreme rapidity, but, con-

WORDS

1. Put a plant in BED and have it cleaned.
2. In the following proverb both the words and the letters in them have been shuffled. What is it? Fo arce liw! nad race atek fo eht cenep kate nopuds sheltsevem het.
3. In the following three dwellings the same number stands for the same letter throughout. What are they? V4335, C6775GE, M52S462.
4. Find the two hidden kings of England in: How ill! am feeling! Do thou stephence for the doctor.

Answers to Wangling Words-No. 383

1. StartER.
2. A little help is worth a lot of pity.
3. Apple, Grape, Pear.
4. M-a-bel, Ed-na.

The doctor expected to mount with the extreme rapidity, but, contained and made the two pieces of coal in either hand, and made the two points meet.

An intense and dazzling light was immediately produced, and literally scattered the darkness. Fergusson threw his powerful ray of light on every side, and stopped it on a place from whence cries of fear came. His two companions looked eagerly at it.

The baobab, above which the Victoria hung nearly immovable, stood in the midst of a clearing; camongst the fields of sugar-canes about fifty low huts of a conical shape could be distinguished.

Around them a numerous tribe was collected. About a hundred feet below the balloon a stake was fixed. At its foot lay a young man of thirty at the most, with from whom the prisoner was escaping looked, and its head laying on his breast like that late State.

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The back and the midst of a clearing; cried the doctor.

Dick understood his friend's was collected. About a hundred death of the care of the lazarist order. Heaven has sent us!

The head laying on his breast like that late or the victoria, suddenly included the two points meet.

And intense and dazzling light with extreme rapidity, to contend with extreme rapidity, to contend the with extreme rapidity, to contend the with extreme rapidity, to contend the support to the care is many to the cried in accents of terror.

The doctor expected to mount with extreme rapidity, to contend the extreme rapidity, but, contend the extreme rapidity, to contend the support to mean as yet. Who are English travellers, "Balloon" is many to remember your names in my last the way very extreme the remember your names in my last.

What is keeping us down?

What is expectation, the eterion the ground, stopped quite states of th

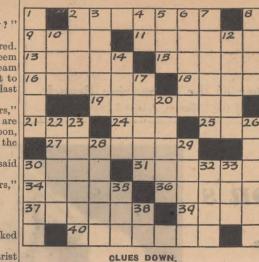
the weight of the priest supplying the rest; it was therefore kept the rest; it was therefore kept up without the aid of the hydrogen apparatus. At the first streaks of daylight a current was imit softly towards the

FIVE WEEKS

"How do you feel now?"
Dr. Fergusson asked him.
"A little better," he answered.
"But you, my friends—I seem only to have seen you in a dream as yet. Who are you? I want to



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unposing. 5 Intense, 10 17 Speaks 23 Indian CLUES BOWN,

1 Encourage, 2 Rod, 3 Quit, 4 Supposing, 5
Want of, 6 Net, 7 Perfume bag, 8 Intense, 10
Obstruct, 12 Grate, 14 Gully, 17 Speaks
noisily, 20 Erected, 22 Burning, 23 Indian
Province, 26 Devonshire town, 28 Whinny, 29
Restrains, 30 Tramp, 32 Platform, 33 Trap,
35 Artful, 38 Half em,

"ignorant and savage brethren whom religion may instruct and civilise."

According to the desire of the missionary, Fergusson told him much about France. He listened with avidity, and the tears streamed from his eyes. The poor young man took the hands of Kennedy and Joe and pressed them between his burning palms. The doctor made him some tea, which he drank with pleasure; he was then strong enough to sit up and smile to see himself borne along in the pure air.

The weakness of the young priest then became so great that they wipe his eyes. The Victoria was making very little way; the wind seemed to temper itself to its precious burden.

Joe, towards evening, signalled an immense light in the west. The sky appeared on fire. The phenomenon.

"It cannot be anything but a volcano in a state of eruption," said he.

Three hours afterwards, the Victoria was amongst the mountains; its exact position was in longitude 24° 15° by latitude 4° 42°; before it a crater was throwing out streams of melted lava, 42'; before it a crater was throwing out streams of melted lava, and threw pieces of rock to a great elevation; the liquid fire fell in dazzling cascades.

along in the pure air.

The weakness of the young priest then became so great that they were obliged to lay him down again. He lay for several hours prostrate, almost dead, in Fergusson's hands. The doctor saw that life was ebbing, and asked himself if he would not quickly lose the existence he had saved. He again dressed the horrible wounds of the martyr, and was obliged to sacrifice the greater part of his provision of water to refresh his burning limbs. He surrounded him with the most tender and intelligent care. The sick man came back to life by degrees in his arms, and in broken accents he told the doctor his story.

He was residing amongst the tribe of Nyam-Nyam, called the Barafri, one of the most savage. The chief had died a few days before, and his unexpected death was set down to the priest; they resolved to immolate him; his agony had already lasted fortyeight hours; as the doctor had supposed, he was to die under the noonday sun.

It was a magnificent yet danger-ous spectacle, for the wind was sending the balloon in a fixed direction towards the fiery atmosphere.

The sides of the mountain were covered with a carpet of flames; the lower half of the balloon shone in the night; the torrid heat recached even the car, and Dr. Fergusson wanted to fly from the perilous situation as quickly as possible. Towards ten p.m. the mountain only appeared as a red spot on the horizon, and the Victoria could tranquilly pursue its journey in a less elevated zone.

(To be continued)

moi!" Then he thought he had been dreaming, till words of consolation fell from the sky.
"I do not regret my existence, he said; "my life is God's!"
The day passed between hope and fear; Kennedy was much moved, and Joe turned away to moved, and Joe turned away to moved.

with T?
3. In what part of the world does the sun always rise and set at six o'clock?
4. In what game is the term "roquet" used?
5. What is the lightest known wood?

wood?
6. All the following are real words except one; which is it?
Reviver, Reviser, Revival, Revisor, Revivor, Revisory.

Answers to Quiz in No. 444

1. Surplice.
2. Shakespeare, Scott, Shelley, Swinburne, Southey, Suckling, Spenser, Stevenson, etc.
3. Violet, Indigo, Blue, Green, Yellow, Orange, Red.
4. Stephen.
5. Brimstone and Treacle, Moody and Sankey, Gilbert and Sullivan, Ross and Cromarty.
6. Pellagar.



The steer-riding Army Nurse from the cattle State of Texas, where they do this sort of thing for their own amusement. She rode this British beef at an East Anglian rodeo, and quite a lot of her countrymen turned up to give a show. Lonny Harvard, another Texan, was over Germany that afternoon, as an air-gunner. When he got back he lit out for the rodeo.

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No Dream

When he heard the firearms he instinctively cried "A moi! a moi!" Then he thought he had

BEELZEBUB JONES







BELINDA









POPEYE









RUGGLES









GARTH









JUST JAKE









Free Performances brought Cash

PHIL SILVERS is in steady demand for top comedy roles. At the present moment he has a featured comedy part in "Cover Girl."
But it wasn't so long ago that, although producers considered him the funniest comedian in

ducers considered him the runness concurant Hollywood—they never thought of giving him a

job.

He was brought to Hollywood by one studio, but in the full year that he was under contract the only movie work which the comedian did was to test for a minor role. He didn't get the

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For a full year everyone on the lot answered his pleas for work with the phrase, "Remember Nelson Eddy." It had taken Eddy three years of sitting around before he got his first role.

"I just couldn't sit around and let the termites get at me," Phil said. "Some of the producers used to invite me to go to the races and night clubs with them because I made them laugh. That was flattering, after a fashion, but it was a very limited audience.

"I was drawing a pay-check every week, but I felt like an embezzler every time the cashier came around. I decided then that if I could be paid for not working I could afford to work for nothing on the side."

Just to keep from getting mossbacked, Phil let it be known that he was open for any and all benefits. Then began one of the busiest periods of Phil Silver's life—and all without pay. He didn't even wait to be asked to donate his services for benefits. If he wasn't invited, he showed up anyhow and found his way on to the programme.

Hollywood's elite came to regard him as an integral part of every benefit programme. Stars and producers, by voluble acclaim, elevated Phil to the rank of master of ceremonies at most of these affairs. They laughed themselves silly at his routines. They applauded him until their hands hurt. Phil wore himself out displaying his entertainment wares to the people who count in Hollywood But none of them—not even the studio which had him under contract—thought of using his talent in a picture.

"Maybe the idea of using me in a picture was a little too obvious," Phil said. "So I decided to go back to New York, where people do such prosaic things as offering me jobs and expecting me to work."

The trip back to Broadway never came off. It was at this time that Charlie Foy opened a night club outside of Hollywood and asked Phil to be the main entertainer. Foy could pay no salary, but Phil could take a share o

made. But still no one offered him a part in a picture.

"The funny part about the whole thing," said Phil, "is that I am the only one who realises now how right they were in not casting me before they did.

"The year or more of work in benefits and at Charlie Foy's gave me an entirely new professional life. I had never done that type of comedy before. I worked out routines and a brand-new style that is now the basis of everything I do in pictures."

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Phil hasn't given up his outside, free work. Every week-end, and in free time between pictures, Phil is part of an 'inseparable trio, with Bing Crosby and Rags Ragland, which makes the rounds of Army camps, entertaining the boys. Since the war began the pre-war Hollywood benefit has given way to this type of extra-curricular entertainment, and Phil is doing all of it that he possibly can.

"I have just gone through another period of learning that a kick in the pants is the mother of invention," Phil said.

"For the last couple of years producers have been trying to convince me that I ought to learn to do dance routines in pictures. I fought it until Rita Hayworth and Gene Kelly cajoled me into letting them teach me to dance."

The result of that course by coercion is that Phil does three dance routines—his first attempt at that art—in "Cover Girl."

After the last routine was filmed, Rita Hayworth and Gene Kelly each received a beautifully wrapped package containing a piece of lead and a note from Phil, reading, "In appreciation of what you have done for me, here is the lead you took out of my anatomy."

Alex Cracks

A certain lift-boy in one of the big stores hated to be asked needless questions. One day a rather fussy old lady entered the lift.
"Don't you ever feel sick, going up and down in this lift all day?" she asked.
"Yes, ma'am," said the boy.
"Is it the motion going up?"
"No, ma'am."
"Is it the motion going down?"
"No, ma'am."
"Is it the stopping that does it?"
"No, ma'am."
"Then, what is it?"
"Answering questions, ma'am."

The young exquisite was just about to make a start in business.

"I suppose," he drawled, "you'll pay me what I'm worth?"

"Better than that," said the head of the firm, "we'll even give you a small salary."



